



Voice For Greater Minnesota Education

**Snapshot of Vetoed E-12 Education
Finance and Policy Bill HF 844
May 21, 2015**

TOPICS	Vetoed E-12 EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY BILL
OVERALL E-12 AND TAX FUNDING	
Targets	\$400M in E-12 \$2M Higher Ed for teacher education
E-12 FUNDING	Biennial Totals
Basic Funding (Formula)	\$283.75M FY '16: 1.5% and FY '17: 2%, \$87 and \$118 \$5918 and \$6036
<i>Pre K (Funding in italics are MREA top four priorities along with Formula)</i>	\$30.75M School Readiness \$30.75M Scholarships \$2.5M ECFE linked to FA, \$3.5M Early Childhood Rating System \$200K Parent-Child Grant
<i>Facilities Fallout</i>	\$31.9M Net in Equalized Levy @123% of ANTC with 50% of Ag Land in modified ANTC \$193 per APU in 2017, \$292 in '18, \$380 in '19 Replaces Health and Safety,
<i>AMI in Public Schools (SftF)</i>	\$3.1M AMI aid (net) 6M for Title VII eligible schools @ base of \$20,000, \$63 per AMI over 20, Current SftF recipients held harmless
Lifting the Cap on QComp Funding	\$9.5M to a cap of \$88 M for QComp, New applications allowed but funding limited to \$88M, Cooperatives may participate @ \$3,000 per teacher
Teacher Quality Quiet Crisis of Teacher Shortages	\$500K Ag teacher & \$400K Teacher loan forgiveness \$300K AMI scholarships to become teachers In Higher Ed Conf. Report
Testing	(\$9.3M) ACT optional, not required, drop PLAN and Explore
2015 TD&E Revenue Fix	\$20K Cooperatives, Service Coops and Ed Districts =-\$302
Funding Affecting Various Districts:	
Extended Time	\$2.4M for school districts--up to .2 ADM X \$5,163 (+\$100) \$2.0M for charter schools
Concurrent Enrollment	\$4M to raise reimbursement \$630K for program expansion in Higher Ed Conference Report
Smaller Programs, Grants, Studies:	
MN Reading Corps	\$2.5M increase
MDE, BOT, RCE's	\$818K for MDE operations, \$200K for BOT

Principals Academy	\$300K to U of M
STEM grants	\$300K to the Innovative Technology Cooperative
IT Certification partnership	\$500K IT provider for up to 200 schools to teach IT curriculum
Faribault Academy Deaf & Blind	\$1.1M technology needs, \$.5M operations increase
Full Service Community Schools	\$100K in Grants for Full Service Community Schools
Race to Reduce	\$150K for water conservation grants to specified districts
NW Online College	\$100K
SD Border Districts	Browns Valley Early Childhood reciprocity addressed
PROPERTY TAXES IN E-12 BILLS	
Student Achievement Levy	Cut in half to \$10 M in FY '18
Alt Facilities Aid	(\$17M) replaced with Facility Aid
Operating Capital	Starting in FY '17 Equalizing Factor increases from \$14,500 to \$20,510 in FY'19 to hold levies neutral due to Facilities levy
EDUCATION POLICY	
Flexible Learning Year	Districts with approved 4-day week plans in 14-15 are approved through '19-20. Commissioner retains authority to approve plans, must act within 45 business days
Sept. 1 Start	Allows school districts to begin Sept 1, 2015 only
Teacher Quality: Licensure, Layoffs, Hiring, Students, Student Teacher Placement:	
Teacher Licensure Requirements	BOT must require a passing score on a board-adopted skills exam in reading, writing and math, testing accommodations for candidates with 504 or IEP must be allowed, ACT or SAT equivalent language deleted
Out-of-State Teachers Licensure	BOT to issue licenses based on training or two years' experience in similar out-of-state license field, must pass college level skills exam for standard license
Restricted Licenses	BOT may issue a Restricted License for that field and district to an otherwise qualified teacher who has not passed the skills exam upon recommendation from a district or charter that a teacher has been effective
Provisional & Temporary Licenses	BOT may offer 2 year provisional licenses in shortage areas or to licensed teachers for additional teaching fields, and 4 one-year temporary licenses to candidates who have not yet passed MTLE
Tech Ed License Exemption	Vocational or CTE teachers hired by school boards, exempt from license requirements through 2020, are otherwise 'teachers.'
Interstate Agreements	BOT must enter interstate agreements when adjoining state's rigor is commensurate
Hiring Bonus	ATPPS revenue allowed for hiring bonuses and for teachers to obtain advanced or additional certifications

Student Placement	Prohibits placement of a student in a classroom of a teacher in improvement process, or who has not received a summative evaluation, if the previous year's teacher was disciplined for inadequate improvement unless that is the only teacher available
Student Teachers	Requires cooperating teachers to have 3 years' experience and not be in improvement status
Immediate Dismissal	Sex trafficking, possession of child porn, soliciting sex from a minor, communicating explicit materials to children grounds for immediate discharge and loss of license
Academic Credit, Testing, Grade Promotion, World Language Certificates and Seals:	
Credit Equivalencies	Ag classes may fulfill any science class credit if it meets state science standards. Computer credit may fulfill a math credit if it meets state math standards. PLTW classes may fulfill math or science credits if they meet standards
Testing Reduction	All 11th graders must have the opportunity to take the ACT at their HS during the school day or in other administrations, but th ACT is not required of 11th graders, Plan, Explore dropped, HS writing test to be added
Extenuating Circumstances for Students to Miss Testing	MDE to develop list of extenuating circumstances in which a student can be excused from state required testing
Testing Limits	Restricts testing to no more than 10 hours grades 1-6, 11 hours 7-12, AP/IB Exempt, districts in consultation with exclusive rep, can exceed limit. Must be reported in WBWF.
Interrupted Testing	The Commissioner or any district can determine 2015 interruptions rendered the results not reportable
Concurrent Enrollment	allow 9th & 10th graders who demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language to take CE courses that would award college credit in foreign language courses normally offered to 11th and 12th graders
Local Literacy Plans	Specifications added to the required literacy plans
MNSCU Credit Transfer	Once an MNSCU institution has granted credit to a secondary PSEO student, all MNSCU must accept for same curriculum area or goal
Credit Transfer Report	By Feb 1, 2016 Commissioner and MNSCU Chancellor to report on post-secondary credit transfer policy implementation
Remedial Course Report	By Jan 1, 2016 Commissioner to report on tuition costs of remedial, non-credit bearing courses taken over last 4 years
World Language Certificates and Seals	World language certificates set at ACTFL Inter Low, Bilingual Seals at Intermediate High and Advanced Low. MNSCU must establish criteria to give college credit for certificates and seals
Math Standards	Postpones review until 20/21

Special Education, Early Childhood:	
Dyslexia	Defines 'dyslexia' in statute
Elementary Discipline	Districts must adopt elementary disciplinary policies
Suspension	Superintendent to make annual report on suspensions
Student Spec Ed Info Systems	School districts must contract with vendors with universal filing system, Senate language
Interagency Coordination of Services	Extensive revision of the Interagency Early Intervention MS 125A.027, Senate language
AMI Programming:	
AMI Programming	AMI programming to be designed to increase completion, graduation rates
AMI Home/School Liaisons	Full- or part-time community coordinator or Indian Home/ School Liaison required for districts >100 AMI students. May be paraprofessionals.
Fund Transfers, Swimming Study, Devices:	
Fund Transfers	Fund transfer permission extended to FY '16 and FY '17
Working Group on Swimming Lessons	Requires a Feb 1, 2016 report from MDE working group to study expansion of swimming instruction at all public schools, and inventory of resources
1:1 Device Report	By Feb 15, 2016 Commissioner will make report on 1:1 devices
OMNIBUS TAX BILL ISSUES (No Tax Bill in '15 Session)	MREA Responses
School Bond Taxes	MREA supports the creation of Ag Bond credit program in Tax bill
Seasonal & Recreational	MREA supports either the state levy on S&R or return S&R to RMV
State Business Levy	MREA is concerned about impact on state's general fund if SBL is phased out
Child Care Tax Credits	MREA is neutral
Student Loans	MREA is neutral
Bond Election Dates	MREA does not see a need to restrict bond election dates